

being angled and at least partially encompassing said upper frame from above and from the outside thereof, said upper frame being fastened on said steel profile so as to float axially relative to said lower frame wherein the steel profile also partially encompasses said lower frame when the defined test chamber is closed, said upper and lower frames each being circularly formed and comprised of polyamide, said upper and lower frames being connected at one end across an articulation.

22. (Amended) A frame structure as claimed in Claim 21, wherein the film of the lower frame is equipped with a central connection port and a line detachably coupled with said connection port.

23. (Amended) A frame structure as claimed in Claim 22, wherein the central connection port is a tube section made from a synthetic material.

24. (Amended) A frame structure as claimed in Claim 23, wherein the detachably coupled line in the region facing the central connection port is a synthetic corrugated tube encompassing said connection port when a connection is made.

25. (Amended) A frame structure as claimed in Claim 24, wherein the synthetic material tube section and/or corrugated tube are comprised of polyamide.

26. (Amended) A frame structure as claimed in Claim 21, wherein the upper and lower frames are under the effect of a spring device whose force acts continuously in the direction of opening of said upper and lower frames.

REMARKS

The above-captioned patent application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Final Office Action to which this Amendment is responsive. Applicant has amended Claims 21-26 in an effort to further clarify and particularly point out that which is regarded as the invention. To that end, no new matter has been added.

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